Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting

17 July 2007

Members present: R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman, JoAnn Brown and Lynn Sweet,

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M..

Duncan Chaplin, Betsy Andrews Parker (Exec. Director of Northern Strafford County Health and Safety Council) and Stephanie Gray attended.

There was a lengthy discussion pertaining to what membership in the NSCHSC can and does provide for the Town, including but not limited to, help with emergency planning procedures and services with regard to both health and safety (incl. training and educational opportunities), research on health trends and exposures, participation in partial funding through grants, affiliations with many organizations and facilities (incl. Avis Goodwin Center in Rochester and Frisbie Memorial Hosp.) and the availability of working with other communities in our area to address similar issues. Ms. Parker praised Mr. Chaplin's participation in the program. It was noted that he was willing to continue serving as Strafford's representative and the Board was in unanimous agreement that he should do so. With the approval of all Board members, the annual Memorandum of Understanding agreement was reviewed and signed by the Chairman, allowing for continued participation in the program. Ms. Parker noted that this year a new drill would focus on flooding.

After short discussion, it was agreed to include a link to the NSCHSC site on the Town web site to access the information available, including the 2007 Community Health Profile for the Northern Strafford County Region. Among the topics mentioned were substance abuse and mental health in the over 65 population.

At this time, the Board requested that Mr. Chaplin consider becoming the Health Officer. What the position involved was described and information was provided for his review.

After review, a motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the minutes from the July 9th meeting of the Board with minor correction.

It was noted that the last meeting of the Planning Board ran quite late leaving no time to appropriately address the issue of construction on class VI roads. At this time a motion was made, seconded and voted to extend indefinitely the moratorium placed on building on a class VI road at the July 9th meeting of the Board of Selectmen, until such time as the Planning Board is able to complete their review and a determination is made regarding the necessary requirements and application process to be used.

After short discussion, Board was in agreement that it was imperative that the Building Inspector attend the next meeting of the ZBA to be held on August 6th at 7:30 P.M. to provide background on the cease and desist issued on Map 31, Lot 33. Board will also request that Building Inspector verify measurements on what is there.

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Review of recent e-mails and requests for links were discussed. Although they're intended as informational, concern was voiced over "opening Pandora's Box" and the possibility of editorializing on some linked sites and where to draw line. Considering the above, a motion was made, seconded and voted only to provide links to organizations funded and /or sponsored by the Town. No political subdivisions or personal sites.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.